(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
13	M/s Astra-IDL Ltd	Ibuprofen	174.86
14	M/s Ranbaxy Labs Ltd	Rifampicin	203.00
15	M/s Themis Chemicals	Rifampicin	126.07
16	M/sCipla Ltd	Metronidazole	22.81
17	M/s Lyka Labs Ltd	Amoxycillin Trihydrate	13.95
18	M/s Knoll Pharmaceutical	Ibuprofen	346.64/57.67@
19	M/s Themis Chemicals	Ethamubtol	200.00
20	M/s Lyka Labs	Fluocinolone Acetonide	1804.65/Nil@
21	M/s Dolphin Labs Ltd	Metronidazole	28.66
22	M/s Tamil Nadu Dadha	Calcium Lactate	130.34/120.90@
23	M/s Boehringer Mannheim (India) Ltd.	Euglucon Tabs	313.17
24	M/s U.S. Vitamins Ltd.	Doxycycline	132.62/125.19@
25	M/s Dolphin Labs Ltd.	Sulphamethaxazole & Trimethoprim	54.20/11.45@
26.	M/s Cyanamid (India) (Now M/s Wyeth Lederle Ltd.)	Dimethyl Chloro-Tetracycline Hydrochloride etc.	4304.16/4274.72@

@There is difference of opinion among Members of DPLRC.

Impact of new Patents Act on domestic Pharmaceutical sector

517. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Patents Act passed recently has made any impact on the domestic pharmaceutical sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures adopted to prevent the anticipated hike in price of life-saving drugs and make them available at affordable prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) It is too early to know the effect of the new patent regime on the prices of drugs. However, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has not received any report of abnormal increase in the prices of drugs or their non-availability after the said amendment.

(c) The patent law in the country provides for a strong and comprehensive set of safeguards including provisions to ensure

availability of products at reasonable prices through compulsory licensing. Many of the drugs already in the Indian market, including those in the National List of Essential Medicines 2003, are off-patent and their pricing and availability would not get affected by the new patent regime.

Decline in Applications for Ration Cards

518. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a massive decline in the number of applications received for renewal of ration cards in the capital;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that PDS has lost its relevance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether ration cards have become redundant as identity/ residential proof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi has migratory population and perhaps the cardholders did not apply, as they have migrated/shifted out of Delhi. It has eliminated bogus cards. Under APL categories only wheat @ Rs. 6.80 per kg. and rice @ Rs. 9.00 per kg. is provided and foodgrains of the same quality are available at a slightly higher rate in the open market as such people don't feel the need to renew their APL ration cards.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As per the PDS (Control) Order, 2001, Ration cards shall not be used as documents of identity.

Irregularities in TPDS in Punjab and Bihar

†519. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: